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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 12/20/2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I. Please replace the originally filed specification and drawings with the enclosed substitute specification and informal drawings.

II. Please delete claims 1-4, and add claims 5-9 as follows (and as included in the Substitute Specification):

a/ 5. A workpiece carrier adapted for use with a power saw having a flat work table provided with a guide slot extending parallel to the direction of cut of the saw blade, the carrier comprising:
a) a base freely slidably positionable on the table, the base being provided with (i) a guide bar extending downwardly therefrom and sized to be slidably received in the guide slot, and (ii) a first slide track portion extending transverse to the

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guide bar;

b) a holder provided with (i) a workpiece mounting portion and (ii) a second slide track portion slidably engaging said first slide track portion for translation transverse to the guide bar;

c) a threaded drive screw mechanism operably connected between the base and the holder such that turning the drive screw mechanism effects transverse translation of the holder along said first slide track portion; and

d) a graspable handle connected to enable manual sliding of the carrier in guide slot.

6. The carrier of claim 5 in which said workpiece mounting portion is adapted for connection and positioning of the workpiece generally above the base

7. The carrier of claim 5 in which said workpiece mounting portion extends longitudinally parallel to the guide bar and generally faces the direction of the saw blade with the carrier positioned on the table

8. The carrier as defined in claim 5 in which the holder further includes threaded fasteners extending through apertures formed in the mounting portion above the base for securing the workpiece thereto.

9. The carrier as defined in claim 5 in which one of said slide track portions is defined by transversely extending slots, and the other of said slide track portions is defined by transversely extending rails slidably received in said slots.

Claims 5-9 remain in the application.